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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications

Problem

1. To determine whether the exploitation of foreign language publications by CIA as a service of common concern should be authorized by an NSCID.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that the DCI informally pose this question before the IAC indicating that:

a. Currently CIA is in fact providing a service of common concern in the exploitation of foreign documents.

b. Practice has indicated that this has been the most efficient use of a limited number of copies of certain foreign publications and the most efficient use of the limited number of linguists available.

c. The rate of increase of internal CIA requirements for exploitation on foreign documents is such that it is anticipated that the Agency may in the future be forced to refuse the requirements of other agencies for exploitation.

d. At the moment, except for such exploitation as is done by research analysts for their own purposes of research and except for the specialized Air Force exploitation project in the Congressional Library, it is understood that CIA provides the only substantial exploitation unit for foreign intelligence purposes in Washington.

e. While the CIA does not seek additional burdens or responsibility it is none the less faced with the obligation of calling this matter to the attention of the IAC and to obtain its advice with respect to the most effective solution to this problem.

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f. If it is the wish of the IAC that the exploitation of foreign publications should be carried out as a matter of common concern by the CIA the most appropriate vehicle for confirming this understanding would be in the form of an NSCID. In this event it is recommended that you suggest that Mr. Reber and [] consult with the appropriate division heads in the agencies to prepare an NSCID for submission to the IAC.

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